

JOURNAL OF THE SENATE OF THE TENTH LEGISLATURE FIRST CALLED SESSION

The State of Texas
Proclamation by the Governor*

Whereas the condition of Public Affairs renders it necessary that the Legislature should be convened in Extraordinary Session.

Now therefore I, Pendleton Murrah, Governor of the State of Texas, do issue this, my proclamation, ordering the Legislature of the State of Texas to convene in Extraordinary Session at the Capitol, in the City of Austin on Monday the 9th day of May A. D. 1864 and whereas it is believed that vacancies exist in several of the Senatorial and Representative Districts of this State.

Now, therefore, I do require the Chief Justices of the several Counties composing such Districts (or two County Commissioners, if necessary) upon the receipt of this Proclamation, to proceed to have elections held in their respective Counties to fill said vacancies; after having given not more than ten, nor less than five days notice of such election, and make returns thereof to the Secretary of State as the Law directs.

(SEAL)

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto Signed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed.

Done at the City of Austin, this 9th day of April A. D. 1864 and in the year of Texian Independence the Twenty Ninth.

By the Governor

P. Murrah

R. J. Townes, Secretary of State

May 9, 1864

11 o'clock A.M.

This being the day for the meeting of the 10th Legislature of the State of Texas in extraordinary session according to the Proclamation of His Excellency P. Murrah, Governor, the Senate was called to order by the President, whereupon the session was opened by prayer by the Chap-

*Executive Record Book No. 280, 1863-1865 (Archives Division, Texas State Library), 65.

lain, Reverend Mr. Langford. The roll of Senators was then called and there being no quorum, on motion of the Senate adjourned until 4 o'clock P.M.

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Senate met. Mr. Magoffin, Senator-elect from the 33rd Senatorial District, and Mr. Knox, Senator-elect from the 30th District, took the oath of office and their seats. The roll was then called and there being no quorum the Senate adjourned until 9 o'clock A.M. tomorrow.

Tuesday, May 10, 1864

9 o'clock A.M.

Senate met. Prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, no quorum; then the Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock P.M.

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Senate met, roll called, no quorum, whereupon an adjournment was moved until 9 o'clock A.M. tomorrow and carried.

Wednesday, May 11, 1864

9 o'clock A.M.

Senate met. Prayer by the Chaplain. Roll called. Quorum present. The Journals of the two preceding days were read and adopted.

On Mr. Dickson's motion a committee was appointed to act in conjunction with a committee of the House of Representatives to inform the governor that the Legislature was organized and ready to receive any communication from him, and also to inform the House of the organization of the Senate. Messrs. Dickson, Guinn, and Moore of Bastrop were appointed the committee.

Mr. Knox was added to committees on Finance and State Affairs and Military Affairs.

Mr. Guinn offered the following resolution: *Resolved, the House concurring, That the Committees on Finance act jointly on the matters that may come before them the present session. Laid over for one day.*

Mr. Ford offered the following: *Resolved, That the Secretary of State be requested to furnish for the use of the Senate and each Senator a copy of Oldham and White's Digest, the acts of the last regular session, and the Constitution and Ordinances of the Convention. Adopted.*